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Re: Hexcel Corporation  
205 South Main St.  
Lodi, Bergen County, New Jersey  
ISRA Case No. 86009  
Classification and Treatment of Groundwater  
Our File No. 03598.23357

Dear Gary:

Pursuant to our meeting several weeks ago, I am providing to you a brief summary of the status of the ISRA compliance efforts on behalf of Hexcel Corporation, previous owner/operator of property located at 205 South Main Street, Lodi, Bergen County, New Jersey. This facility is presently owned and operated by Fine Organics Corporation.

First, you will note this is a relatively old ECRA/ISRA case, having been initiated in 1986. Since 1986 Hexcel has been working closely not only with the various case managers that have been assigned to this matter but also with a number of other agencies including, most particularly, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners ("PVSC"), to permit and effectuate an investigation and remediation of the environmental condition of the property. Our present Case Manager is Joseph J. Nowak.

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During this long period of time I am happy to report that Hexcel has enjoyed a good, cooperative relationship with the NJDEP. Most recently, representatives of Hexcel traveled to Trenton from California to meet with the case manager as well as his supervisors, including Wayne Howitz, Assistant Director of the Division of Industrial Site Evaluation. The purpose of the meeting was to bring the Department up to date on the compliance efforts and the difficulties Hexcel was encountering with the property owner in regard to the execution of various endorsements needed for the permits necessary to complete some of the work. Since that time, Hexcel has been providing quarterly status reports to the NJDEP, although Joe has indicated to us that that frequency is not necessary. Nevertheless, we felt it important to continue to keep the Department advised on a regular, routine basis as to the status of this case.

I am attaching to this letter copies of the two most recent progress reports submitted in January and April, 1995. The activity presently being conducted is the completion of the installation of a sewer line connecting a groundwater treatment system located in Building 1 on the Fine Organics' property to the PVSC. Hexcel has had numerous discussions with the PVSC in regard to its agreement to accept this treated water. The PVSC has now agreed, both verbally and in writing, that upon completion of the appropriate application process, it will accept the treated groundwater. The PVSC is satisfied with the representations that have been made concerning the effectiveness of the treatment system to remove the contaminants to levels acceptable to the PVSC.

The environmental consultant engaged for this project, GEO Engineering of Dover, New Jersey, has now engaged a local subcontractor, Boswell Engineering, to complete the sewer extension. It is anticipated that this sewer extension will be completed within the next two months. As it is nearing completion, Hexcel will submit, upon the direction of the PVSC, a PVSC application. It is hoped that the discharge into the sewer from the treatment system will be able to be initiated by late summer or early fall. At present, all treated groundwater is being pumped into tanks and then removed from the site to a disposal facility.

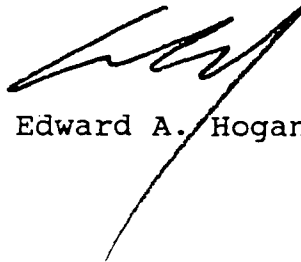
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The groundwater contamination appears to consist primarily of chlorinated solvents and PCBs. Both DNAPL and LNAPL are present. There is an ongoing DNAPL and LNAPL monitoring and recovery program. The groundwater treatment and recovery system is designed to optimize recovery of contaminated groundwater. The area of recovery in the overburden aquifer will be defined as the final design of the recovery system is refined.

Elevated levels of some volatile organic compounds have been detected in the soil in limited areas on the site. A review of the sampling data collected over the years appears to indicate the soil contamination is limited to volatile organic constituents and petroleum hydrocarbons. A soil vapor extraction system has been preliminarily proposed to remediate this condition. The soil conditions have not been as significant a concern to the Department and have been held in abeyance pending receipt of further information from the groundwater remediation.

We hope this has been helpful to you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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